**From Rebel to Statesman: Teaching About the Life of Nelson Mandela**

What makes a leader great, and when exactly does the transformation take place? In this lesson we will follow the evolution of Nelson Mandela in archival articles from *The New York Times*, from his early years as a jailed dissident in apartheid South Africa to his death in December 2013 at the age of 95.

**Your Task:**

* In a small group (no more than 4), create a 6 minute multimedia presentation using any format you wish (provided it can be presented in the classroom) that fully addresses the question(s) assigned in your prompt.
* You MUST use evidence from multiple sources in your argument.
* You MUST cite your sources on a Works Cited page/slide/etc. using MLA formatting.
* Due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Possibilities:**

Go to <http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/12/10/from-rebel-to-statesman-teaching-about-the-life-of-nelson-mandela/?_r=0> to look at your assigned section the full prompt and linked resources.

**1950s and ‘60s: Rebel in the Shadows**

What prompted a talented man with bright prospects and a commitment to nonviolence to risk everything by trying to bring down his country’s government? Using evidence and quotations from the articles you have read, make the case to explain how and why Mr. Mandela became a rebel in South Africa.

**1970s and ‘80s: Prisoner**

What was the effect of Mr. Mandela’s imprisonment on the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa? Are there ways in which he was able to keep leading the movement from behind bars, and do you think the country’s history might have been different if he had avoided prison? Explain how his [years behind bars](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/mandela/prison/) may have contributed to his ultimate success and the largely peaceful resolution of apartheid.

**Early 1990s: Peacemaker**

How did Mr. Mandela and Mr. de Klerk manage to short-circuit a conflict between whites and blacks that many feared would end in civil war? And which groups in South Africa did they need to placate in order to resolve the national conflict over apartheid? Write a chart or analysis in which you describe how each man did his part to move their nation beyond conflict.

**1990s and 2000s: The Challenge of Governing**

Did Mr. Mandela seem to be as successful in running the country as he was at leading the resistance against apartheid?

**Looking Back: A Man and His Country**

Can the country and its leaders ever live up to the promise of their emergence from apartheid? How will Mr. Mandela be remembered by the “born free” generation that never knew life under apartheid?

**Going Further: CHOOSE ONE!**

**Did sports help to set Mr. Mandela free and end apartheid?**

**Did he write and talk his way to greatness?**

**Was he a Communist?**

**Did Nelson Mandela help democracy to spread?**

**Did he inspire others to fight injustice?**